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SUBJ: HOUSEHOLD/PERSONAL EFFECTS/ALLOWANCES

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1. SUBJECT OFFICER, DUE TO FORCED EVACUATIONS, HAS BEEN RELOCATED THREE TIMES DURING THE PAST YEAR. HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO KARACHI SINCE OCT.1975. REF (A) REFLECTS AN ESTIMATE OF DOLS6400 TO SHIP NEEDED GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE VIA AIR/SURFACE BEIRUT-ATHENS-KARACHI. WE BELIEVE COST WOULD BE EVEN HIGHER AND UNDER BEST OF CONDITIONS ETA AND ACTUAL DELIVERY DATE KARACHI WOULD NOT BE BEFORE MAY 1976. OPTIMISTICALLY, BASED ON REF. (C) POST ASSUMED EXORBITANT COSTS AND DELAYS WOULD NOT OCCUR. POST NEGOTIATED LEASED QUARTERS FOR SUBJECT EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1976. THESE QUARTERS ARE UNFURNISHED AND FURNITURE IS NOT AVAILABLE. CONSIDERING ALL THE ABOVE, POST RECOMMENDS THAT APPROVAL AND FUNDING BE GRANTED TO PURCHASE FURNITURE LOCALLY. ESTIMATED COST FOR ONE COMPLETE SET OF BASIC FURNISHINGS WOULD NOT EXCEED DOLS9,700 IN LOCAL CURRENCY. THIS INCLUDES DOLS 6,000
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FOR FURNITURE, DOLS 3,000 FOR CARPETING AND DOLS 700 FOR

DRAPERY/UPHOLSTERY. IN INTERIM, POST WILL NEGOTIATE RENTAL FURNITURE AS STOP-GAS MEASURE. IN ADDITION TO AIR CONDITIONERS, FREEZER, AND VACUUM CLEANER REQUESTED REFERENCES (D) AND (E), HOUSE WILL REQUIRE DOLLAR FUNDING FOR FOLLOWING APPLIANCES:

- 1) FRIGIDAIRE REFRIGERATOR 20.6 CU. FT. ONE DOLS 480.00
- 2) TRANSFORMERS FOUR DOLS 83.00
- 3) WASHING MACHINE ONE DOLS 157.00
- 4) STOVE, NATURAL GAS ONE DOLS 220.00
- 5) WATER HEATER GAS ONE DOLS 90.00
- 6) SPACE HEATER FOUR DOLS 275.00
- 7) WATER FILTERS ONE DOLS 80.00

TOTAL COST OF ITEMS: DOLS 1,385.00
FREIGHT CHARGES : DOLS 1,200.00
C AND F KARACHI : DOLS 2,385.00

2. FOR BEIRUT AND ADANA: ORIGINAL B/L NOS. 227620 AND 227916 WERE FORWARDED BY BEIRUT TO ADANA ON NOV. 11 (REF. (B)) TO SHIP GARRETT'S POV AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO KARACHI. POST HAS RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATIONS ON STATUS OF THESE ITEMS WHICH WERE SHIPPED FROM WASH/BALTO IN SEPTEMBER 1975. BASED ON DELAYS ALREADY EXPERIENCED, POST WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS FORWARDING.

3. FOR BEIRUT: REF. (B) ADVISED SUBJECT THAT VOUCHERS FOR TRANSFER AND TEMPORARY HOUSING ALLOWANCES WOULD BE FORWARDED SOON. THESE ITEMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. GARRETT WAS HOUSED AT THE PHOENICIA HOTEL FROM AUG. 20 TO SEPTEMBER 3, 1975. HE HAS NOT RECEIVED TQA OR ANY OTHER ALLOWANCES ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSFER TO BEIRUT. RSO TELFORD, BEIRUT ADVISED SUBJECT ON DEC. 1 THAT TWO MOSLER SAFE FILES FROM RSS OFFICE WERETO BE SHIPPED VIA MAC TO DHARAN THEN SURFACE TO KARACHI. WE ASSUME SINCE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS HAVE NEVER LEFT BEIRUT THAT SAFE FILES ARE IN SIMILAR STATUS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. SUBJECT OFFICER REGRETS PROBLEMS CREATED AND FACT BE DENIED REENTRY INTO BEIRUT TO ENABLE HIM TO HANDLE PERSONALLY. WHILE ARRIVAL OF POV AND LIMITED HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHIPPED UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM WASH. WOULD BE MOST WELCOMED, SUBJECT OFFICER AND POST BELIEVE APPROVAL FOR LOCAL PURCHASE OF FURNITURE AND APPROVAL OF REFERENCE (E) WILL PROVIDE RELIEF FOR MOST SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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